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160.	Tarabut AI Khaleej	

Constitution of a Wage Board

2306. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute a Wage Board for journalists and non-Journalists;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines or time-frame have been framed by Government for the Wage Board;

(c) by when the Wage Board is expected to be finally formulated; and

(d) by when the Wage Board's decision are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The last Wage Board namely the Manisana Wage Board submitted its recommendations in July, 2000, which were accepted by the Government and notified for implementation in December, 2000 with minor modifications. Therefore, it may be too early to constitute a new Wage Board for the journalists and non-journalist workers in newspapers industry.

The Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 does not provide for any periodicity in setting up of a new Wage Board.

Employment opportunities

2307. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five crore employment opportunities are proposed to be generated during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the break-up, sector-wise and rural-urban-wise; and

(c) the target achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.